

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 54–56, 60–63, 68–70, 73, 74 and 77–81 are currently under examination with claims 1–53, 55, 57, 58, 64–67, 71, 72, 75 and 76 cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim amendments

The claims have been amended in accordance with conventional US practice and to eliminate typographical errors.

It is respectfully submitted that the claim amendments do not add new matter.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful reading of the claims. The rejection, not specifically discussed herein, is moot in view of the amendments. Withdrawal of the rejection is courteously requested.

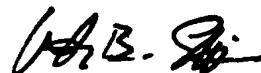
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 (enablement)

Claims 59 and 64–65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. It is earnestly submitted that the rejection is moot in view of the amendments. Withdrawal of the rejection is courteously requested.

In view of the above-mentioned arguments and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application are in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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